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SUBJECT: GLOBAL MARKET RESEARCH: FOOD PROCESSING AND

-- PACKAGING EQUIPMENT - USSR

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1. DURING PREPARATION FOR PUBLICATION OF COUNTRY MARKET
SURVEY - USSR ON SUBJECT THEME, FOLLOWING POTENTIAL
PROBLEM DISCOVERED IN KINDEL RESEARCH:

TA-LE 8, P. 29 CONTAINS SOURCE NOTE CITING 'DATA
PUBLISHED FOR THE RSFSR' AS ONE OF BASES FOR ESTIMATING
FIGURES IN BODY OF TABLE. THIS LEADS COMMERCE TO QUESTION
WHETHER FIGURES REPRESENT ALL OF USSR OR ONLY THE RSFSR.

2. ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM BY USING SOVIET
STATISTICAL SOURCES AVAILABLE IN COMMERCE. SINCE DATA
GIVEN IN THESE SOURCES NOT IN RUBLES BUT UNITS, COM-
PARISON WITH KINDEL TABLE IMPOSSIBLE. THE FOLLOWING
COMPARISONS BETWEEN TOTAL SOVIET AND RSFSR PRODUCTION
(IN MILLION TONS) WERE AVAILABLE IN RSFSR V TSIFRAKH V
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--	USSR	RSFSR
SUGAR	1U.7	3.0
MEAT	8.3	4.1
SAUSAGE PRODUCTS	2.7	1.6
FATS AND OILS	3.9	1.5
DAIRY PRODUCTS	21.1	13.0
CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	3.1	1.8

3. ALTHOUGH COMMERCE FULLY AWARE KINDEL'S CONTRACTUAL RESPONSIBILITY FULFILLED, POST REQUESTED TO ASK KINDEL FOLLOWING. A) ARE FIGURES IN TABLE 8 FOR USSR OR RSFSR ONNLY? B) IF FOR RSFSR, WOULD IT BE LEGITIMATE TO APPLY RATIOS OF ABOVE DATA TO RECONSTRUCT TABLE? (C) W AT METHODOLOGY AS USED TO OBTAIN U.S. DOLLAR (OR RUBLE) FIGURES ON TABLE 8 FROM UNIT STATISTICS NORMALLY GIVEN IN SOVIET STATISTICS?

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